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SUBJ: LOS: PRG AND KHMER ISSUES IN LOS CONFERENCE

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1. EMPHASING THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO LOS CONFERENCE AND OUR HOPE THAT IT NOT BE DIVERTED FROM ITS MAIN TASK BY EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES, I MADE DEMARCHE TO BOUBACAR KANTE, SECRETARY GENERAL OF FONOFF, TODAY. IN VIEW OF KNOWN MALIAN ATTITUDE IN SUPPORT OF PRG AND GRUNK, I CONFINED MY ARGUMENTATION TO POINTS IN PARA 4 REFTEL.

2. KANTE REPLIED THAT HE APPRECIATED MY FRANKNESS IN RAISING DIFFICULT QUESTIONS WITH HIM AND THAT MY DOING SO WAS A MANIFESTATION OF THE OPEN AND FRANK DIALOGUE THAT HAS
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CHARACTERIZED US-MALIAN RELATIONS. HOWEVER, HE SAID,

THE QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA IS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE WITH THE GOVT OF MALI AND THEY CONSIDER THAT THE PRG AND THE GRUNK WERE THE PROPER REPRESENTATIVES. IN RESPONSE TO MY STATEMENT THAT THE ISSUE OF INVITATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE HAD ALREADY BEEN DECIDED (REF 4-C REFTTEL), KANTE SAID THAT THE MALIAN RESERVATIONS TO THE REPORT TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HAD BEEN FULLY AND PUBLICLY EXPRESSED. HE FELT THAT THE QUESTION OF PRG AND GRUNK REPRESENTATION WOULD CERTAINLY ARISE AND MALI WOULD MAINTAIN ITS POSITION. HE DID NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS ISSUE WOULD BRING THE CONFERENCE INTO AN IMPASSE AND HE FULLY AGREED THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO ALL OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. HE ASSURED ME THAT THE GOM WOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: AS COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED WE MADE NO HEADWAY IN CHANGING THE MALIAN POSITION BUT AT LEAST THE GOM IS NOW UNDER NO ILLUSION AS TO THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW THIS QUESTION.

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